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For: HARNESS SLACK TAKE-UP STRUCTURE FOR STEERING GEAR

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the species of Group I, Figures 1-5, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-5 and 8-12 are readable on the elected species. While the Examiner has indicated that there is no generic claim, Applicants, however, believe that claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 10 and 12 are generic.

In addition, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner examine both species in this application. The respective species include common features that should result in no undue burden in terms of search fields to examine both species at the same time.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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